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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/725,853
	Filing Date	November 30, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Masahiko TAKEUCHI, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2826
	Examiner Name	L. Andujar
	Attorney Docket Number	49657-871

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**PATENT**

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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masahiko TAKEUCHI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8800
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Serial No.: 09/725,853	:	Group Art Unit: 2826
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Filed: November 30, 2000	:	Examiner: L. Andujar
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For:		PHOTOMASK INCLUDING AUXILIARY MARK AREA, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.